

## ISSAQUAH GATEWAY SENIOR HOUSING

NEWPORT WAY

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#### **DESIGN NARRATIVE:**

The Issaquah Gateway Senior Housing development is intended to meet the intent of the Central Issaquah Plan (CIP) guidelines and provide a transition from the nearby low density residential development to a more dense and semi-urban development typology within the boundary of the CIP area. The goal is to provide seniors with housing that allows independence with varying care options, dependent on individual need.

The building will accommodate 136 residential units with associated services for a senior living facility with 115 parking stalls, including 39 tuck-under garage and 76 surface stalls. The intent is to meet the goals of the Central Issaquah Plan while providing senior living opportunities to the area.

The site is located on the western edge of Schneider Creek, between the Creek and Newport Way. The creek buffer will be reduced by twenty five percent, as allowed with enhancements, which will be similar in nature to the Gateway apartment's enhancement to the east of Schneider creek. This buffer and some areas of steep slope on the site have reduced the developable area of the site as shown in the developable area diagram.

Access to the site is somewhat constrained and a new access point is planned from Newport Way at the North end of the site with a new frontage road introduced to the west of the building. This allows the project to consolidate the access from Newport way and introduce the standard neighborhood street typology per the Central Issaquah Development and Design Standards. This strategy also allows reconciliation of the difference in grade from Newport Way to the building site. The design team is requesting a code interpretation for the building height to be measured from this new frontage road as there are no existing roads on site and this is understood to be a forthcoming code amendment. With this interpretation, the building is within the height limit allowed per CIDDS measured to the midpoint of the roof and is able to meet the minimum FAR for the site.

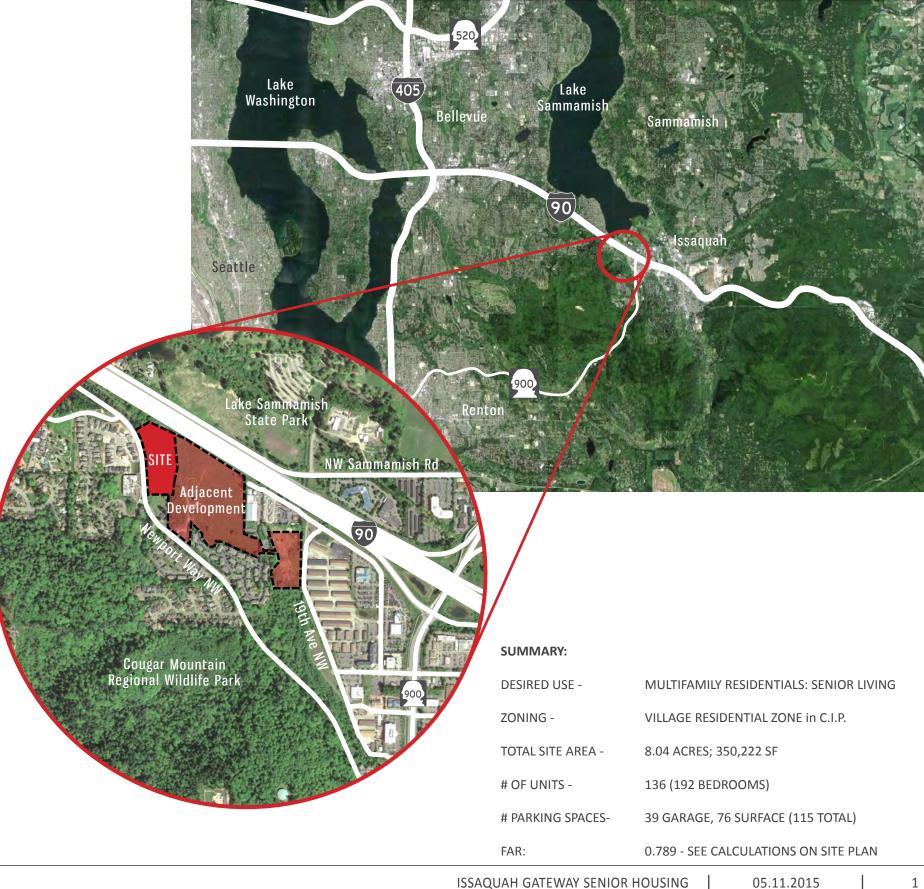
Connectivity between this development and the adjacent Gateway Apartments development is achieved through a proposed pedestrian bridge over Schneider Creek at the location of the existing utility crossing and the plate spanning the creek. Additionally, this will also allow access between this development and the new neighborhood park at the apartment site achieving connectivity goals stated in the CIDDS.

The building design makes use of the surrounding character and terrain. The site is bounded on the west by Newport Way and the terrain at the street is heavily wooded while steeply sloping to a wetland at Schneider Creek. There is a panorama of forested hills to the east and upper level dwelling units will have northeast views to Lake Sammamish. To the west the land quickly rises beyond Newport Way with a hillside interspersed with trees, existing single family homes, and an existing multifamily structure. A significant portion of the site will be preserved as Schneider Creek buffer area.

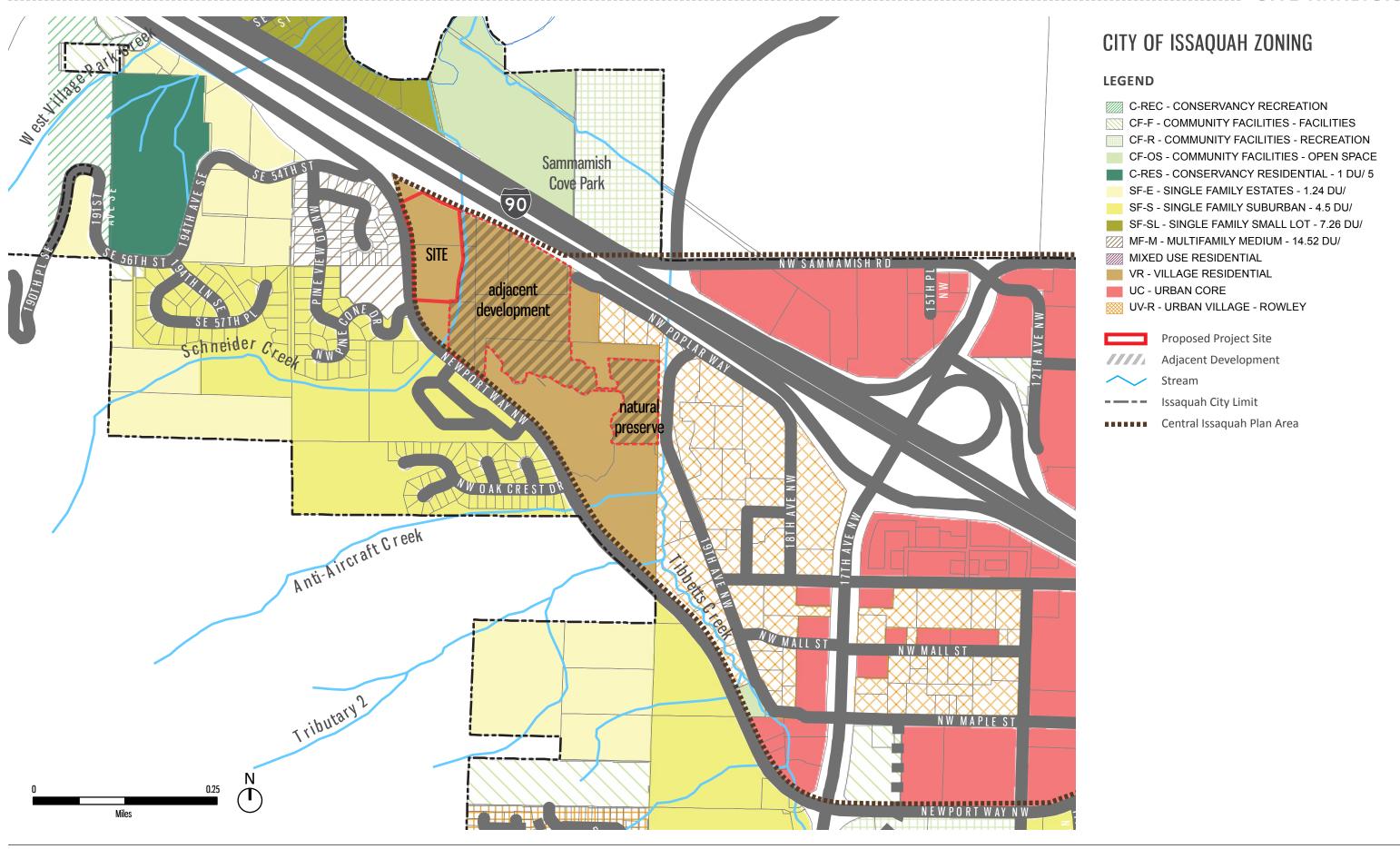
Vehicular access from Newport Way will quickly turn parallel to the street and descend to a drop off area at the main building entrance. This will be a neighborhood street type with parallel parking along the drive. The access drive will continue around the south end of the building to a lower parking court on the east side. The parking court will provide access to tuck-under garages beneath the building.

The building will consist of two wings whose axes run parallel to the contours and step with the slope. The wings are to be four stories each, designed for senior living, over lower level garages. The wings are connected by a community center including the lobby, dining, exercise facilities, and support spaces.

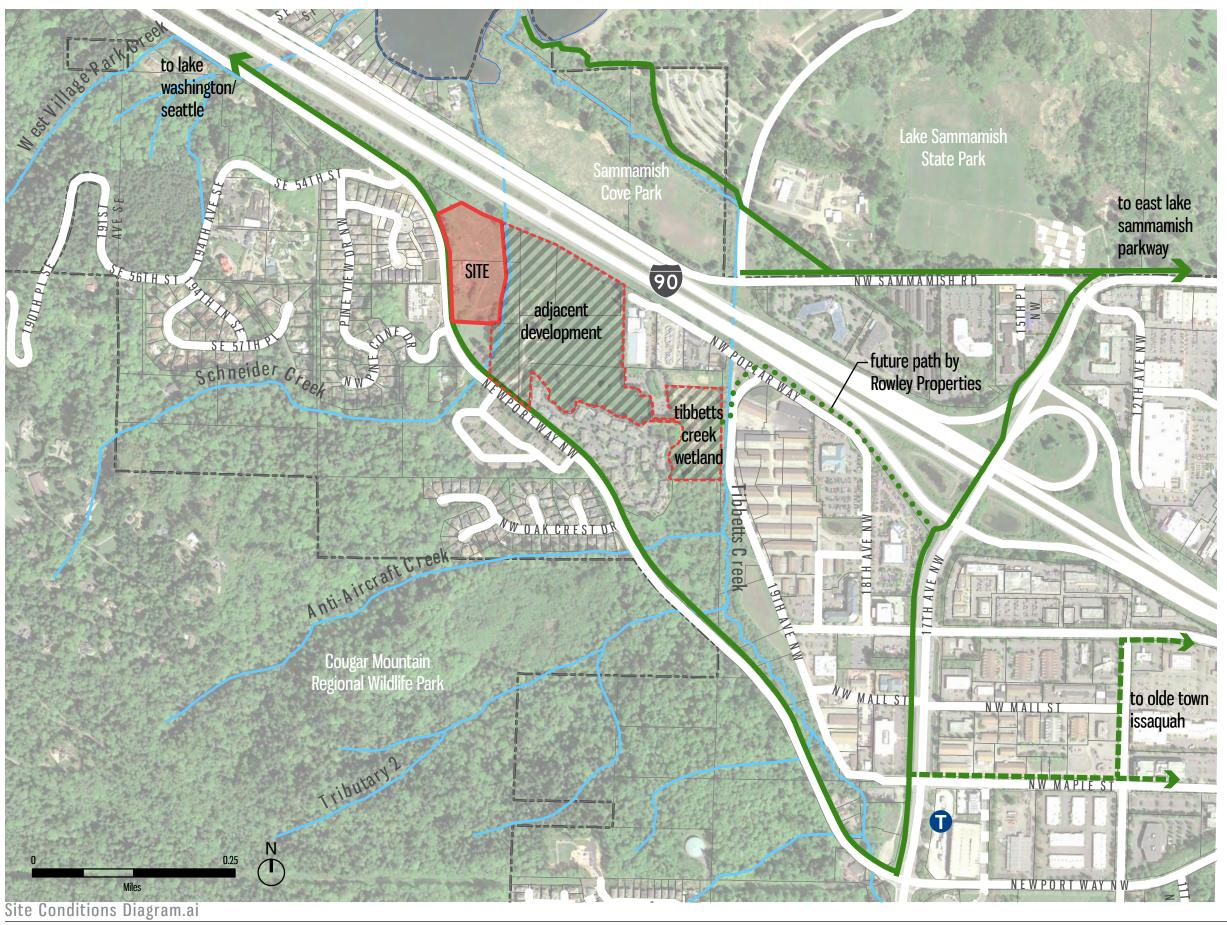
Visitors will enter the lobby beneath a canopy from the drop-off area. The lobby will have a high ceiling and a glass wall, through which residents will see lofty views across the wetland to the hills. The lobby and dining are envisioned as highly open with mezzanines and decks to optimize the indooroutdoor experience with a central location to encourage social interaction. Residents will enjoy a range of exercise equipment and will be afforded amenities such as a salon, wellness center, theater, multipurpose room, and art room. In addition, outdoor facilities are to afford connectivity to an overlook ramada area with a pedestrian bridge across Schneider Creek.











# MAP OF ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

#### **LEGEND**

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Mountains to Sound Greenway



Proposed Project Site



Other Area



Stream



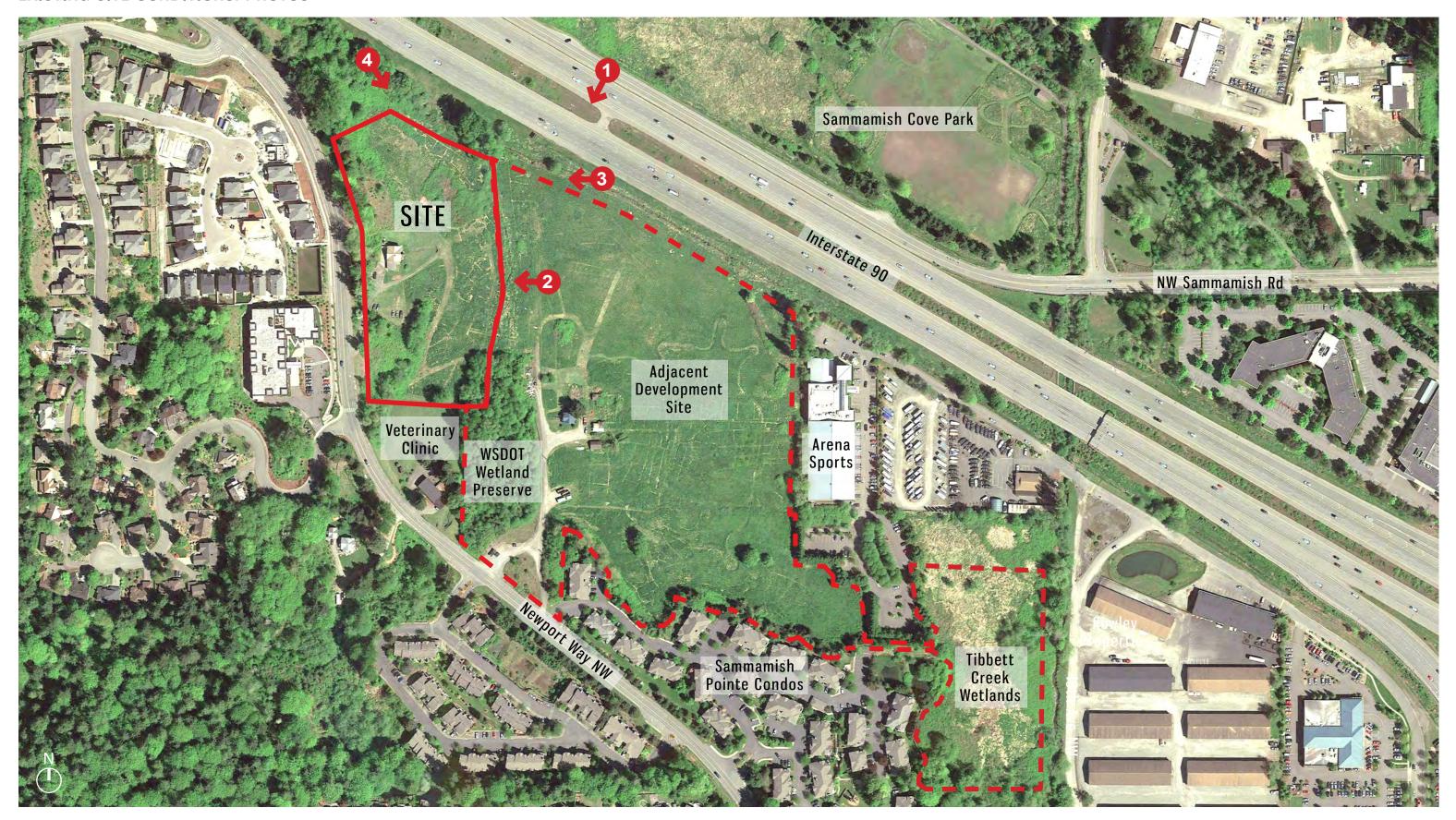
**--** Issaquah City Limit



Transit Center



#### **EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS: PHOTOS**







1. VIEW SOUTH FROM I-90



3. VIEW WEST FROM I-90

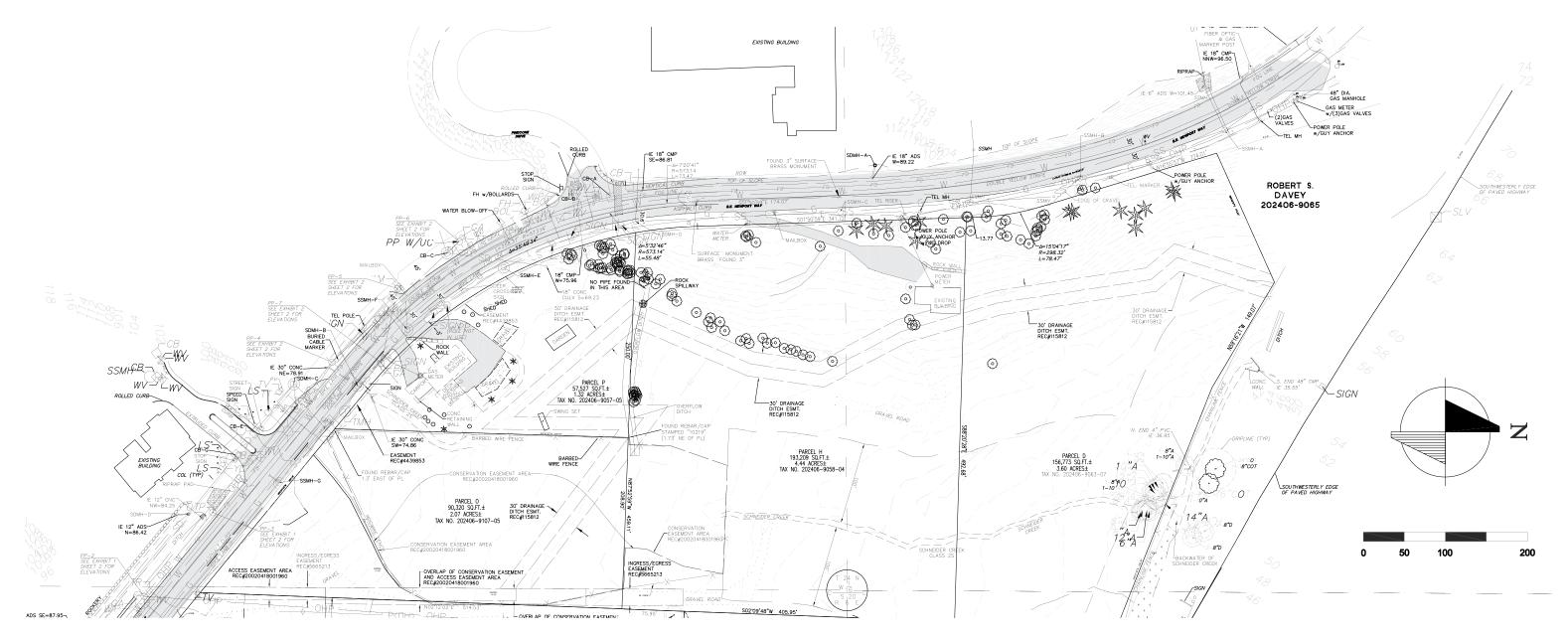


2. VIEW WEST FROM SITE

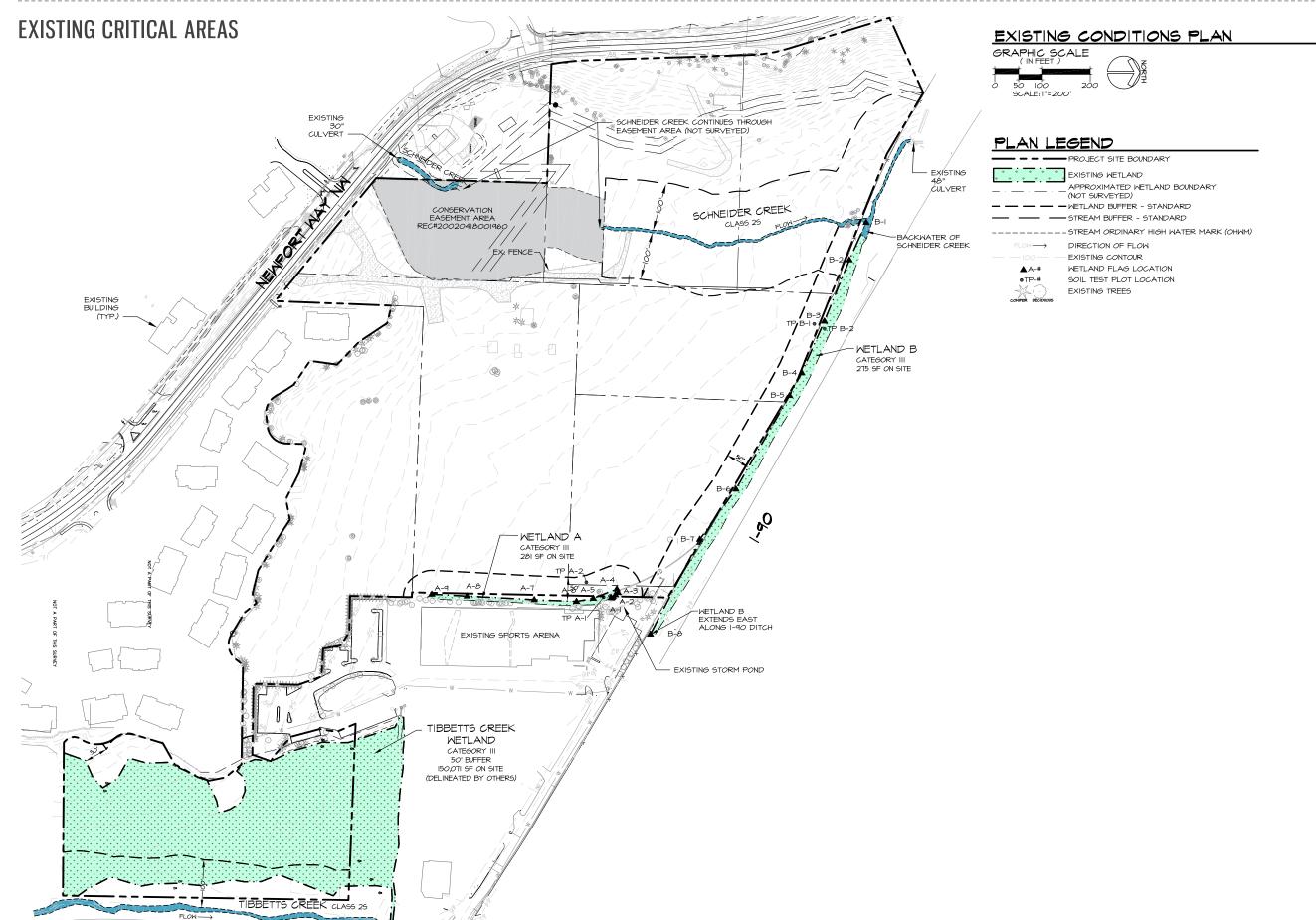


4. VIEW EAST FROM I-90

### DEVELOPMENT SITE SURVEY



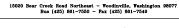


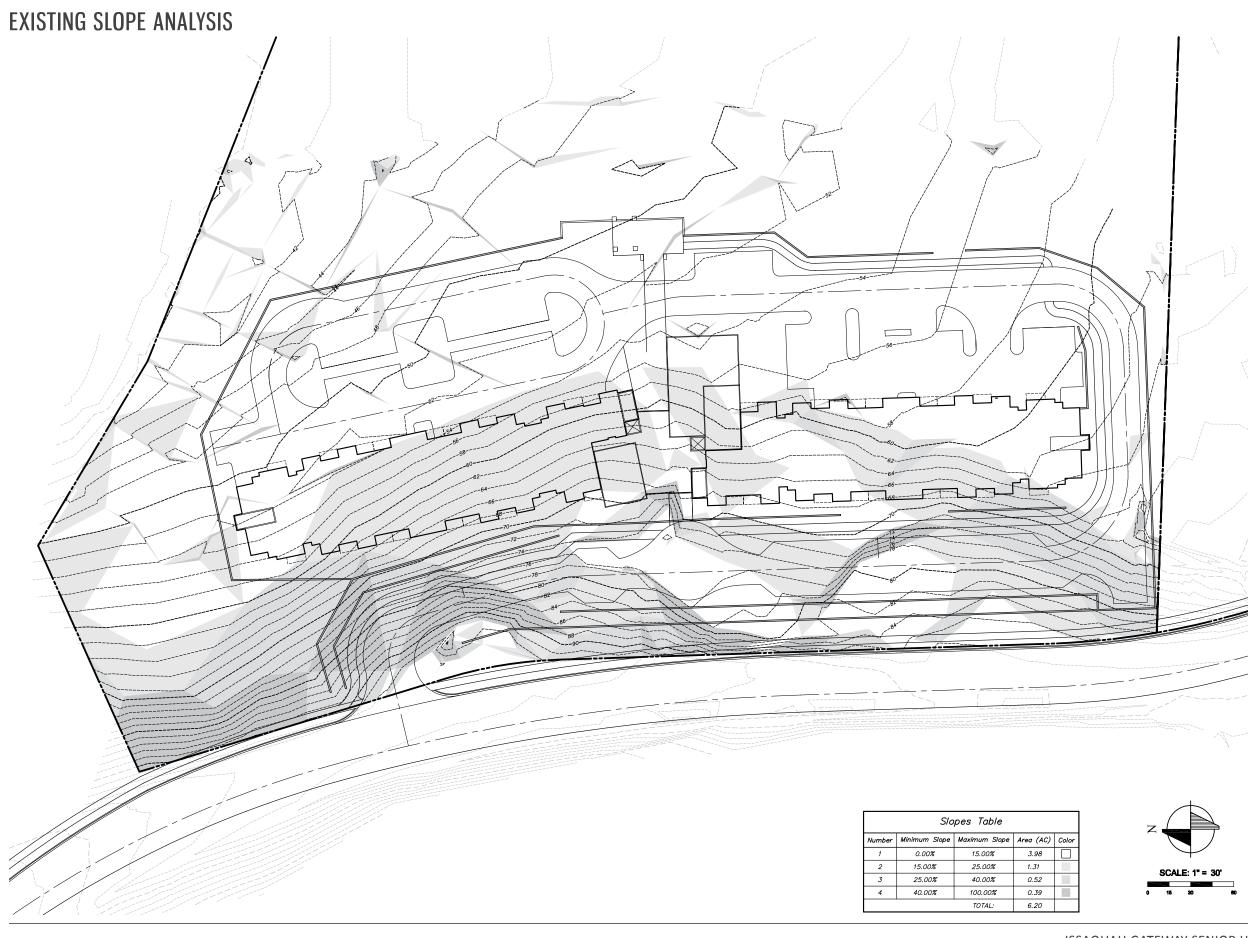




- SURVEY PROVIDED BY TRIAD ASSOCIATES, 12112 II5TH AVE, NE KIRKLAND, 98034-6929, (425) 821-8448.
  SITE PLAN PROVIDED BY VIA ARCHITECTS, 1809 TH AVENUE STE. 800 SEATTLE, 98101, (206) 284-5624.
  SOURCE DRAWINGS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED BY TALASAEA CONSULTANTS FOR VISUAL ENHANCEMENT.





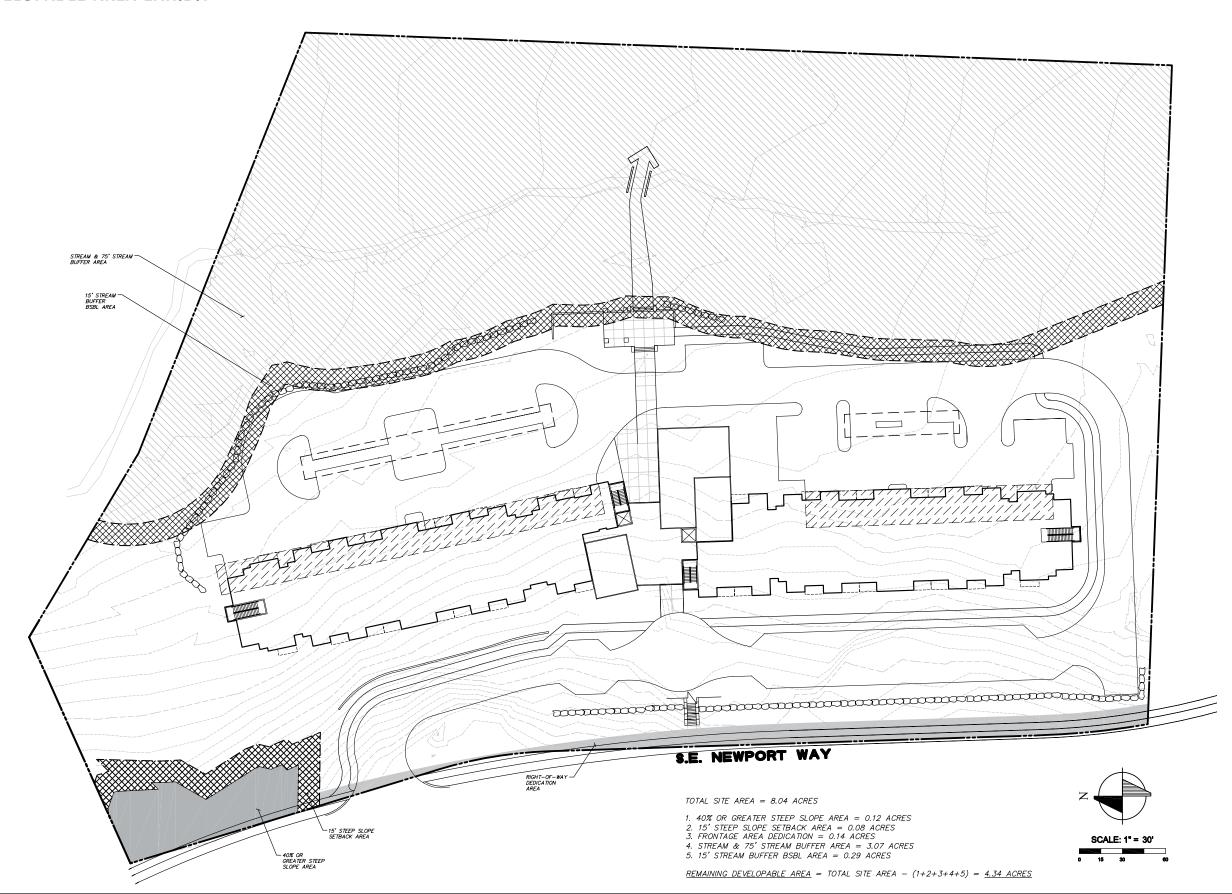


#### **GRADING**

Areas of steep slope on the existing site have excluded portions of the site area from the developable area as calculated according to the City of Issaquah standards. The remaining grade difference is accomodated with a new frontage road directly accessed from Newport Way to allow appropriate slope for pedestrians and vehicles on site.



#### DEVELOPABLE AREA EXHIBIT



#### **DEVELOPABLE AREA**

Areas of the site have been excluded from the FAR calculations as they are not developable per the City of Issaquah standards. The Schneider creek buffer has been reduced through the allowance for a 25% reduction with enhancements. Buffer enhancements are intended to be similar in nature to the enhancements on the east side of the creek associated with the Gateway Apartment site.

Areas of steep slope at Newport Way have been excluded from the developable area per the table shown at left.



#### ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER

The proposed architectural character is inspired by the rich agricultural history of the Issaquah lowlands. A contemporary interpretation of a farm house vernacular will be employed with the use of traditional textures and simplified building masses common to that typology.

Use of multiple textures and colors on the building will provide modulation and a pedestrian scale to the linear building. Simple elements will vary and repeat across the building to provide interest and variety within a simple massing composition.

Orientation of the building parallel to Schneider Creek on the East and Newport Way to the West, provides an organizational frontage to the surrounding context.

The architecture will be of contemporary northwest design synthesizing lodge and urban character, with elements such as wood siding, exposed beams, stone, and expansive glass.

















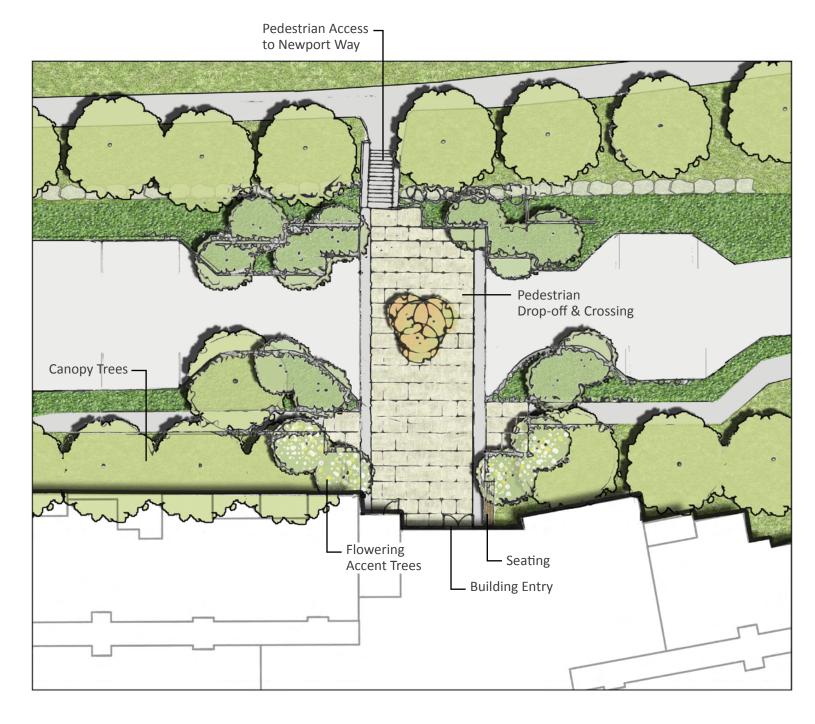






Orthogonal patterning













#### LANDSCAPE NARRATIVE

The landscape design plays an important part in the image of the community. The experience begins with the landscaping along Newport Way creating the vision for the community. Large canopy trees, plantings, and a pedestrian walk will provide an inviting human scale along Newport Way and the entry drive for residents and visitors. At the entrance to the building flowering accent trees, heavy plantings, special pavement, and lighting will create an inviting space with year round interest. Resident parking will be tucked behind the building and under the building. Trellis elements and trees will provide relief and shade for the parking areas. Residential patios along the street edge will activate the streetscape, and provide a pedestrian scale. There will be a community open space and lookout, located along the creek with a trail connection for residents to walk along. This will be a focal point and gathering space for residents and visitors of the community. The area will include a covered area, seating, tables, interpretive information, and flowering accent trees and native shrub plantings.







#### **OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPACE**







#### TREE PRESERVATION CONCEPT

All healthy trees in the buffer and setbacks will be saved. 25% of total caliper (dbh) of significant trees in the developable site area will be retained per City of Issaquah IMC 18.12.1385..





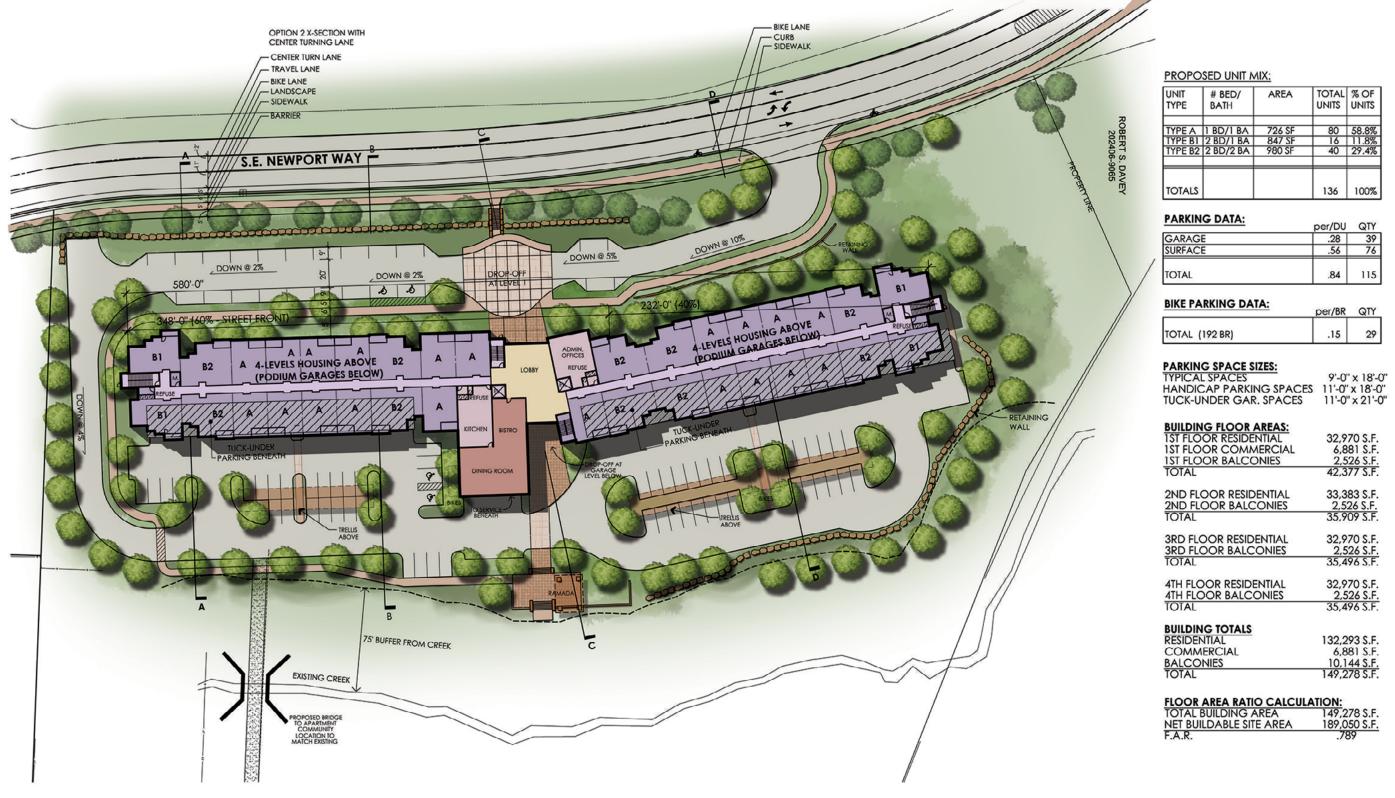








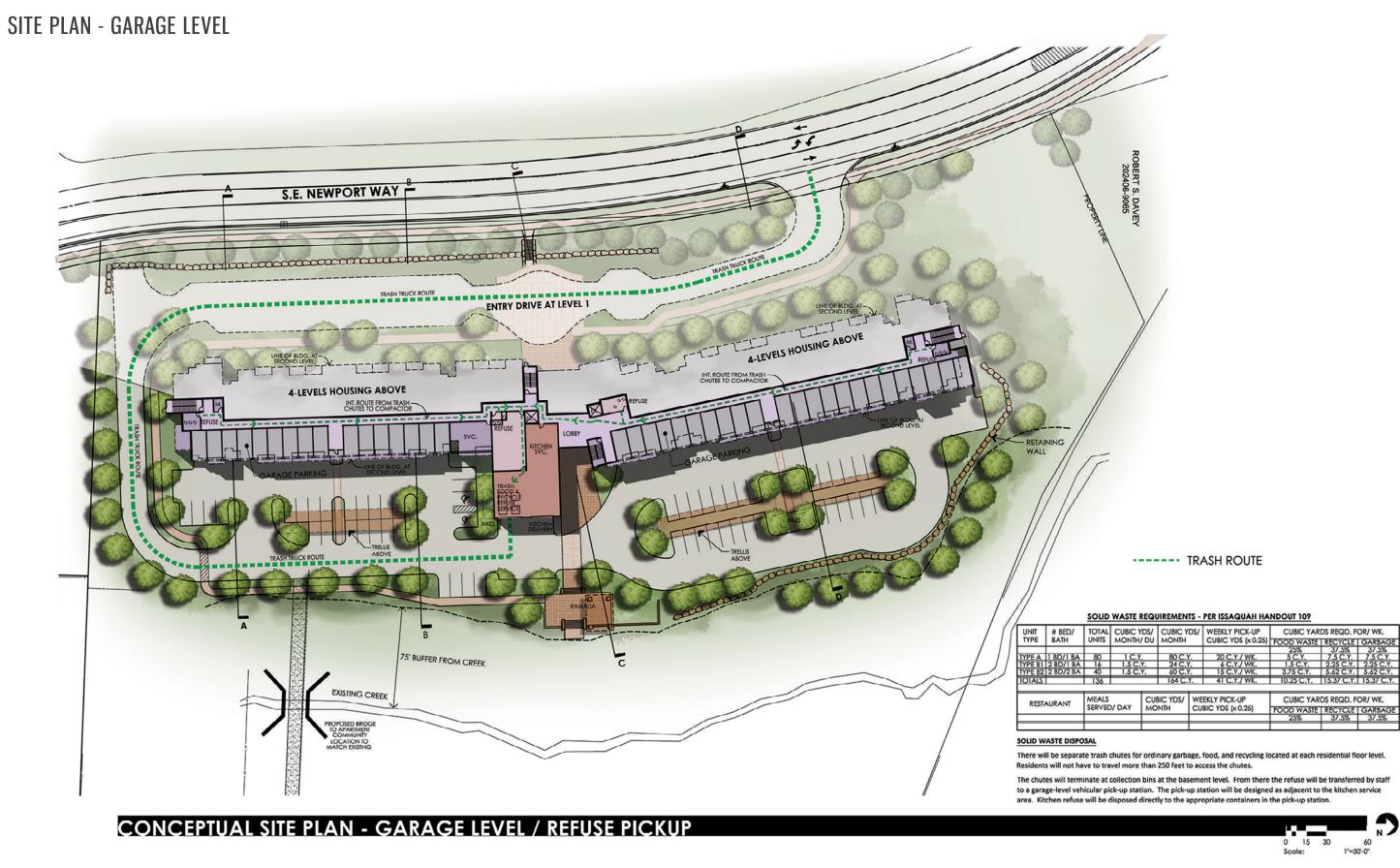
#### SITE PLAN - LEVEL 1



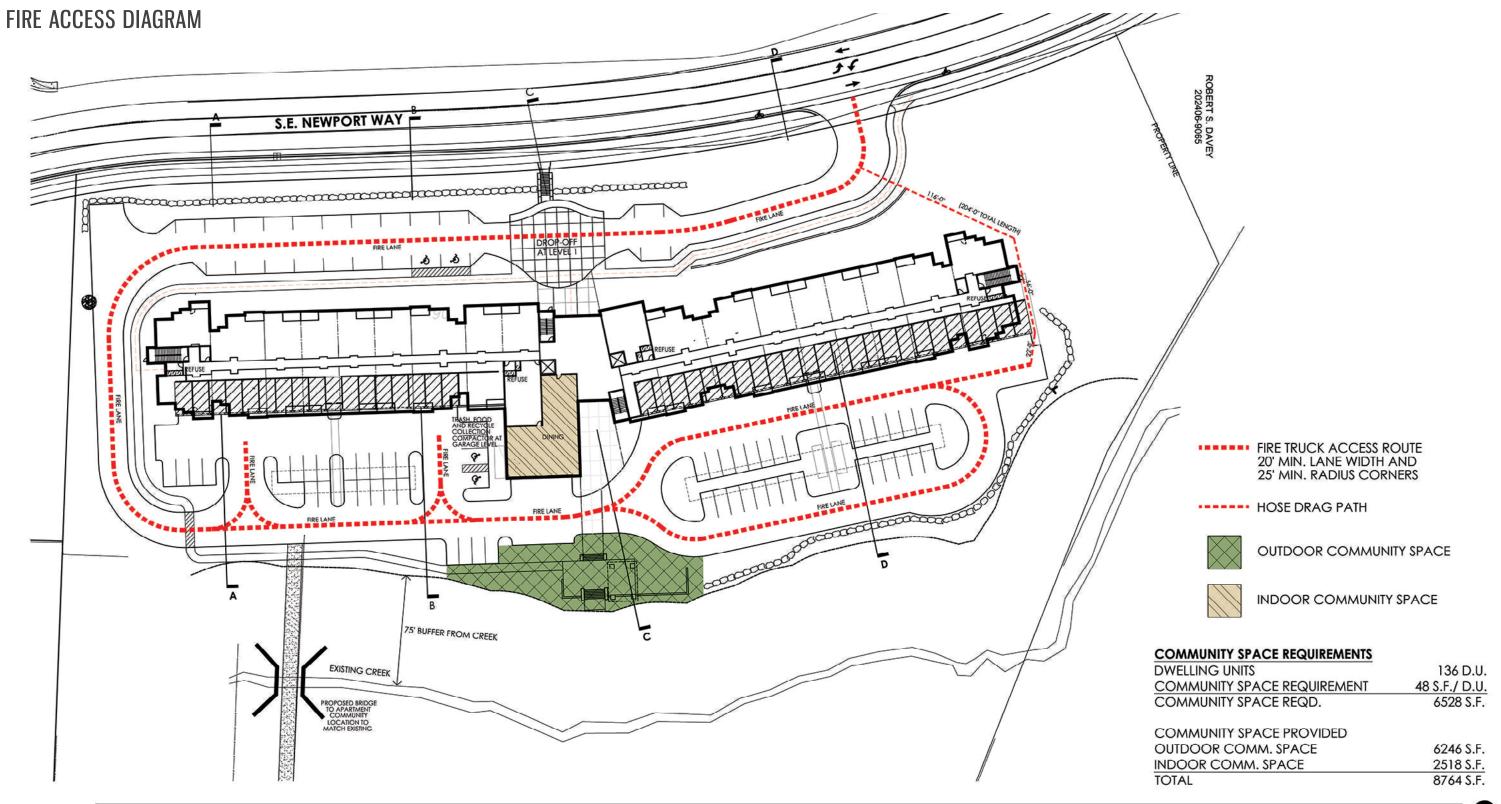








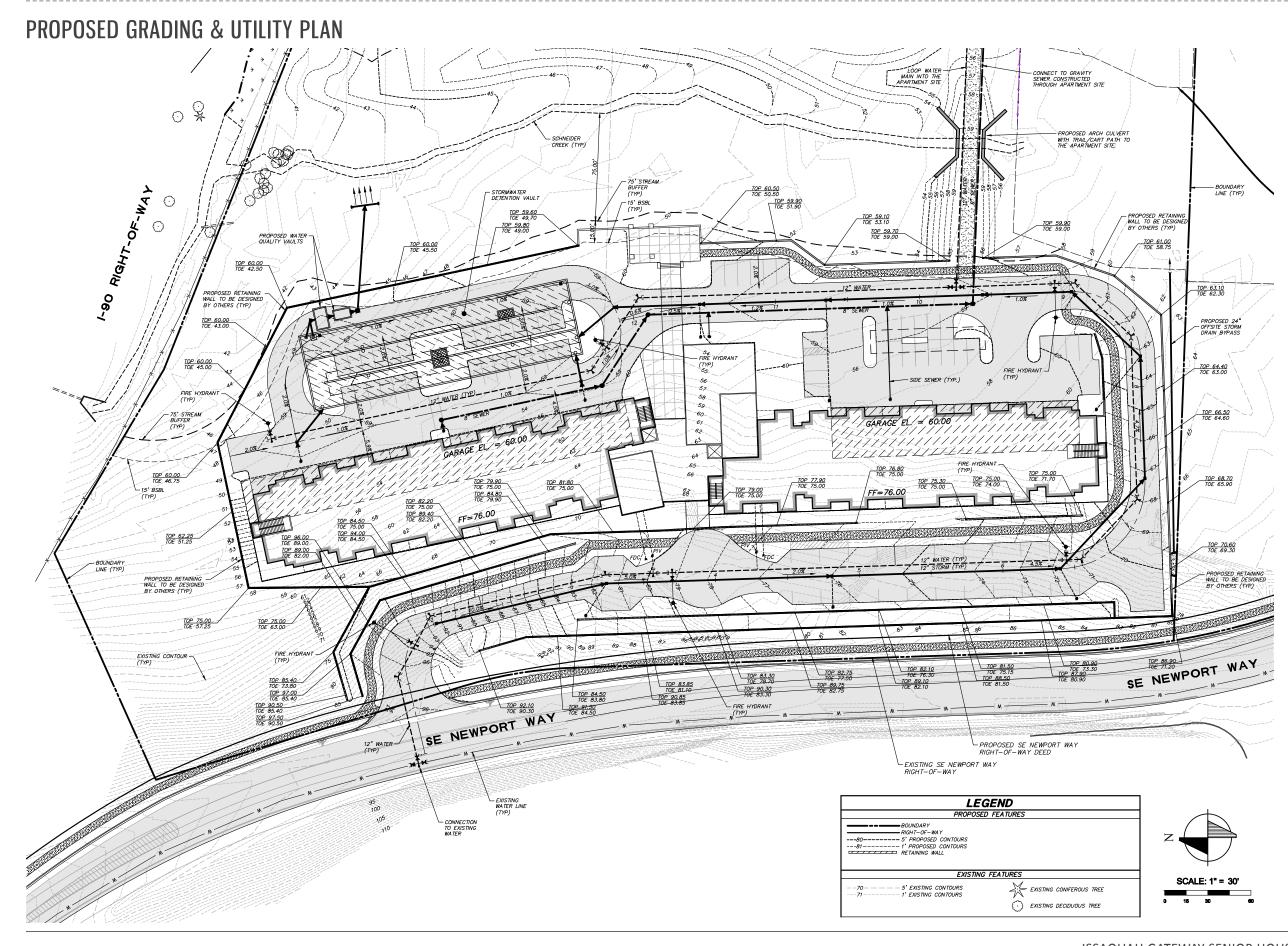




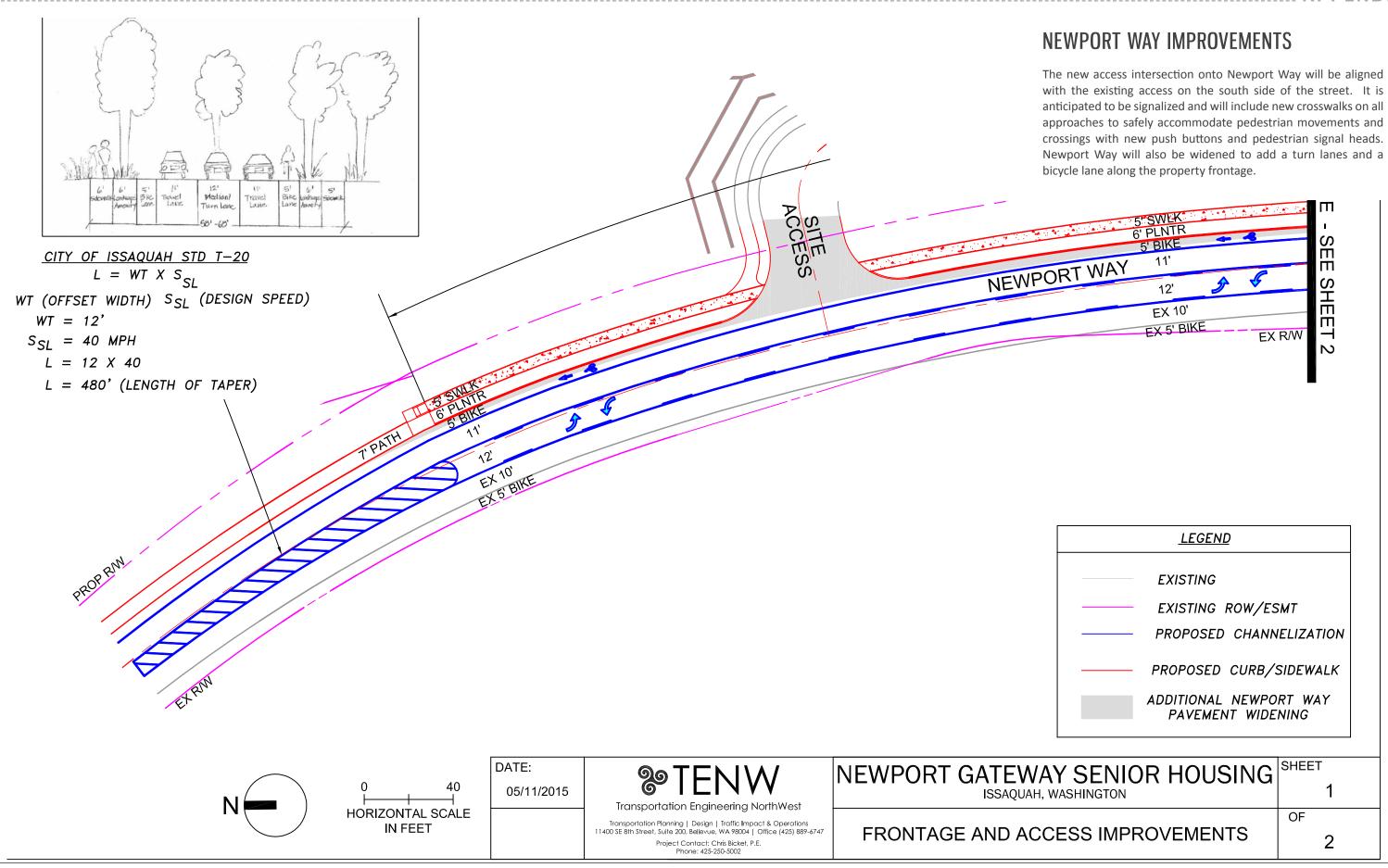
CONCEPTUAL FIRE ACCESS ROUTE SITE PLAN



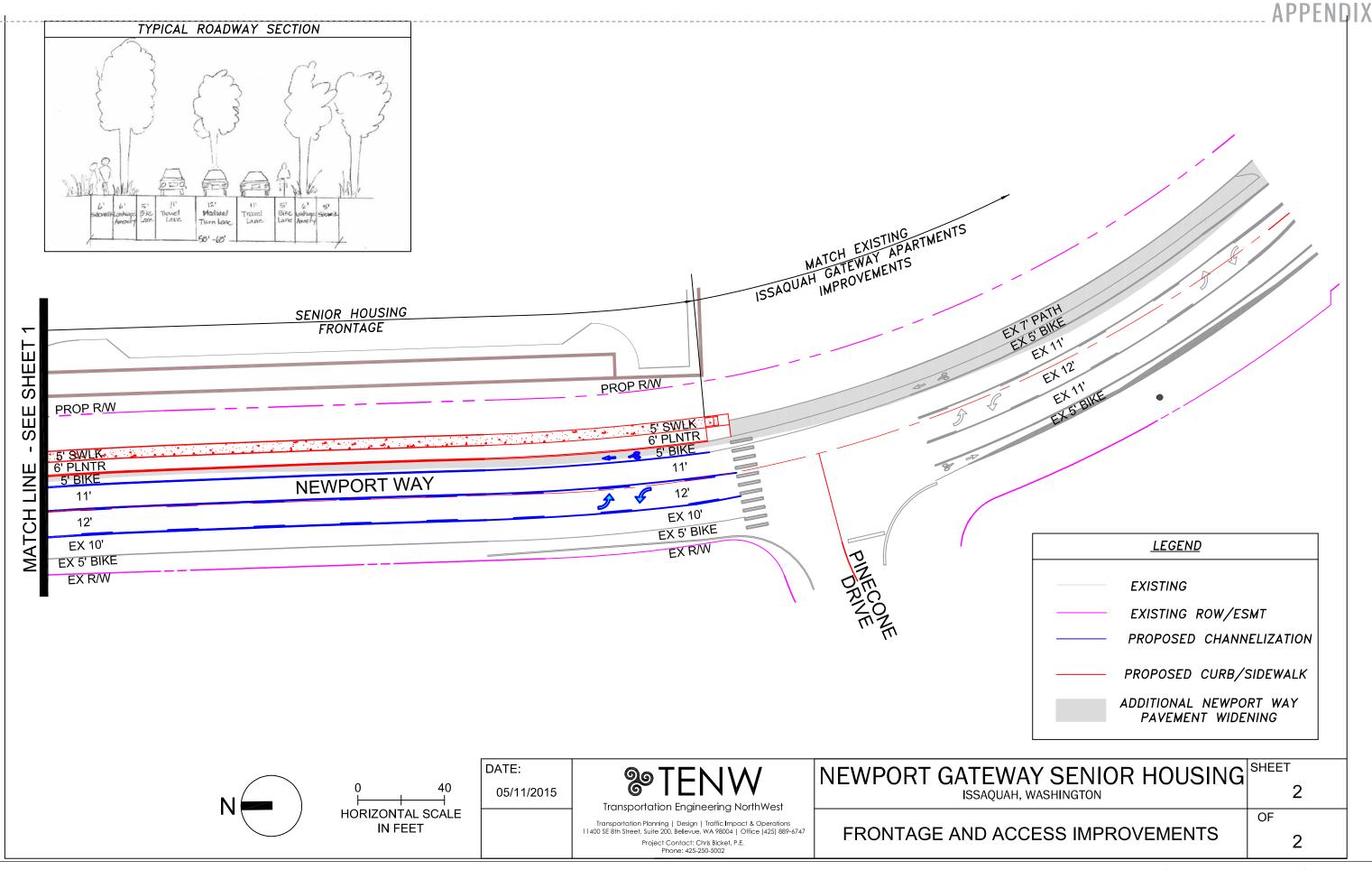




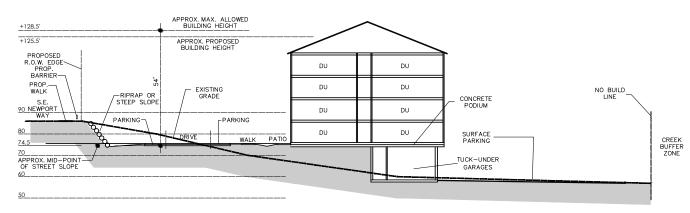




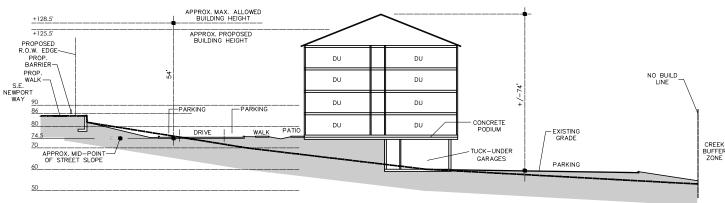




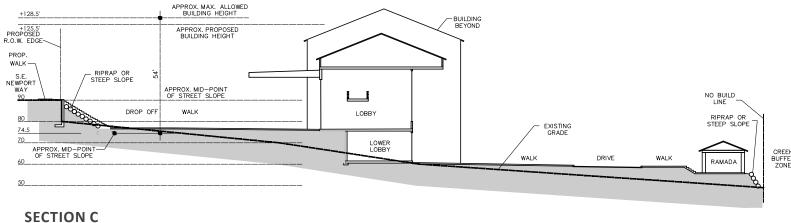




#### **SECTION A**



#### **SECTION B**



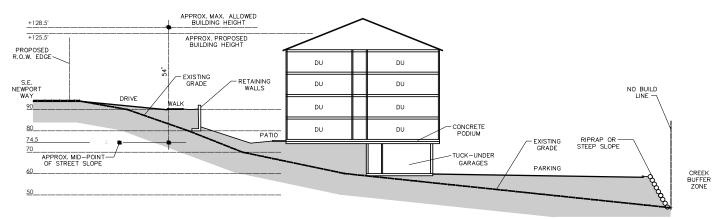
#### TYPICAL SECTIONS AT BUILDING - SEE PAGE 13 FOR PLAN REFERENCE

#### **BUILDING HEIGHT INTERPRETATION**

The applicant would like to request an interpretation of the method for determing average grade as described in IMC Chapter 18, Appendix 1A.

Due to geotechnical ground conditions, poor soil, steep slope and limited access from Newport Way, the site will be regraded prior to building construction. Thus, the existing grade will not be evident or relevant after the site grading is complete.

Therefore the development would like to propose that building height be measured from the new street grade. It is understood that this method for determining height is a forthcoming code amendment.



**SECTION D**